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THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

# THE SCHEMEL FORUM

FOR CULTURAL ENRICHMENT  
& EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY

A Program of the Harry & Jeanette  
Weinberg Memorial Library

# welcome

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to send you the spring 2014 brochure and look forward to seeing you in February for some stimulating and provocative programs. Please tell your friends about Schemel, too, and even consider making a gift of Schemel membership to them.

By now you have noticed our new brochure design. I hope that you like the lively modern look.

You might have noticed too that we have had a good deal of publicity for the fall semester World Affairs Luncheons from *The Scranton Times-Tribune*. Schemel is catching on — we've got a brand — and the brand is excellence.

Finally, a very good piece of news: **MunleyLaw**, one of the region's leading law firms, is underwriting the 2014 World Affairs Luncheon Seminars. We are deeply grateful for the firm's generosity and proud to be associated with its name.

We look forward to seeing you soon — as we continue to offer the very special pleasures of learning together.



Sincerely,

Sondra Myers  
Director, *The Schemel Forum*

# AT A glance

## COURSES

**World War 1: The Watershed Event of the Twentieth Century**, Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Jewish-American Short Stories**  
Wednesdays, Feb. 19, 26, March 5, 12, 26 & April 2

**Enlightened Self-Interest Examined**  
Thursdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 6 & 13

## MunleyLaw WORLD AFFAIRS LUNCHEON SERIES

**Monday, February 10:** The Art of Leadership

**Monday, March 3:**  
Obama & the World in Historical Perspective

**Monday, March 10:** The Emergence of Anti-Liberal Politics in Central Europe

**Friday, March 14:** Nasser's Egypt & the Origins of the Arab Spring

**Monday, March 31:** An American in Paris: Straddling Two Educational Cultures

**Friday, May 9:** Identity & the Struggle between the Culture of Human Rights & the Mafia

**BUS TRIP** to Brooklyn, **Saturday, May 3**

## COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS

Sweet Tale of Resilience  
**Tuesday, April 8**, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The Mutiny on The Bounty: Myth & Fact  
**Wednesday, April 9**, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Africa: Art, Memory, Culture  
**Saturday, April 12**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We Are All Others: The American Story"  
**Monday, April 28**, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE • Saturday, Oct. 18**  
**Distinguished Author Award Event**  
*A Friends of the Weinberg Library Event*  
Honoring National Book Award Recipient  
**Colum McCann**

# about THE SCHEMEL FORUM

The Schemel Forum was founded in July 2006 through generous gifts to the Rev. George Schemel, S.J., Fund, created by friends of the late Father Schemel in his loving memory, and spearheaded by Harmar Brereton, M.D. Its aim is to provide an opportunity for people of all ages to explore the intellectual and cultural wonders of the world. Schemel members make new friends, discover new dimensions of old friends and experience the unique pleasures of learning together. Through the forum the University offers to the community its most valuable assets — its faculty members and the wealth of knowledge that they possess.

## World War I: The Watershed Event of the Twentieth Century

This conflict shaped the world that came after it to this day. It was the catalyst for the rise of Soviet communism in Russia, whose unraveling less than a decade and a half ago continues to affect worldwide diplomacy and economics. The course will include a signature documentary on the war, shown in six sessions, with commentary by Mr. Wenzel and Dr. Brennan.



David Wenzel



Sean Brennan

**David Wenzel**, former mayor of Scranton and community leader with guest lecturer **Sean Brennan, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of History, The University of Scranton

**Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**  
Brennan Hall, Pearn Auditorium, Room 228

## Jewish-American Short Stories

Jewish-American writers have used the short story form since at least the 1940s to negotiate how they sit on both sides of the hyphen as Jews and Americans. In this class we will run through a more or less chronological survey of some of the highlights of that tradition, reading three or four stories for each class. We begin with Delmore Schwartz and a handful of others who came of age before World War II, and then we move on through each of the following generations through to Nathan Englander and other young writers of today.



**Joseph Kraus, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor & Director of the Honors Program, Department of English & Theatre, The University of Scranton

**Wednesdays, Feb. 19, 26, March 5, 12, 26 & April 2 from 6 to 7:15 p.m.**  
Weinberg Memorial Library, Room 305

## Enlightened Self-Interest Examined

On his historic visit to America in the early 19th century, Alexis de Tocqueville noted that Americans eagerly linked the pursuit of self-interest to the common good and saw it as a civic responsibility to cultivate the connection. Tocqueville called it “self-interest rightly understood” or enlightened self-interest. Through readings from Thucydides, Plato, Adam Smith, Tocqueville, Milton Friedman and Joseph Stiglitz, this course will examine the idea and ask whether the connection between self-interest and the common good is rightly understood in America today.



**Matthew Meyer, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, The University of Scranton

**Thursdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 6 & 13 from 6 to 7:15 p.m.**  
Weinberg Memorial Library, Room 305

Monday, February 10

### The Art of Leadership

Bill Strickland has used his leadership skills to improve the lives of many disadvantaged young people through creative training programs of his own design. From their base in Pittsburgh, these programs have been instituted in five other American cities to date. Winner of the coveted Mac Arthur "genius" Award, Bill will focus on what skill sets and leadership style can speak to the very complex and increasingly global nature of our challenges.



**William E. Strickland, Jr.**, *President and CEO of Manchester Bidwell Corporation, Social Architect, Community Leader and Visionary*

Weinberg Memorial Library, Heritage Room, 5th Floor

Monday, March 3

### Obama & the World in Historical Perspective

How should we judge Barack Obama's foreign policy as he approaches the midpoint of his second term? And how does he compare to his predecessors in his approach to the world? In this lecture Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Fredrik Logevall places Obama's foreign policy in historical context, with particular attention to Wilsonianism.



**Fredrik Logevall, Ph.D.**, *John S. Knight Professor of International Studies, Vice-Provost for International Affairs, Cornell University*

Rose Room, Brennan Hall, 5th Floor

Photo: Lindsay France

Monday, March 10

### The Emergence of Anti-Liberal Politics in Central Europe

All of the Visegrad countries have had problems in the last few years with maintaining liberal democracy. In Hungary the Fidesz party has stifled some liberal freedoms while in Poland, the anti-liberal right is likely to stage a comeback in the next elections. In Slovakia the political scene is entirely dominated by a leftist populist movement while in the Czech Republic, the last elections marked a spectacular rise of anti-system parties and movements, some which reject traditional party politics.



**Jiri Pehe**, *Director of NYU in Prague, Political Analyst, Former Chief Political Advisor of President Vaclav Havel*

DeNaples Center, McIlhenny Ballroom, 4th Floor

Friday, March 14

### Nasser's Egypt & the Origins of the Arab Spring

The lecture will focus on the subject of Ferris' book, *Nasser's Gamble: How Intervention in Yemen Caused the Six-Day War and the Decline of Egyptian Power*, demonstrating how Nasser's missteps set the stage for the decline of Arab nationalism and the rise of political Islam.



**Jesse Ferris, Ph.D.**, *Vice President for Strategy at the Israel Democracy Institute in Jerusalem*

Rose Room, Brennan Hall, 5th Floor  
Book signing will follow the lecture

Monday, March 31

### An American in Paris: Straddling Two Educational Cultures

Dr. Schenck speaks from her 25 years' experience as an American educator in Paris on the profound differences between the French/European university system and the American one. She will discuss the public/private divide; differences in faculty status and governance; the constraints of labor relations and the different organization of degree programs and student services in the US and abroad. Political and cultural differences between French and American culture will also be discussed.



**Celeste Schenck, Ph.D.**, *President of the American University in Paris*

Rose Room, Brennan Hall, 5th Floor

Friday, May 9

### Identity & the Struggle between the Culture of Human Rights & the Mafia

As Mayor of Palermo from 1985 to 1990 and 1993 to 2000 and returning to the position in 2012, Leoluca Orlando has dedicated his career to the rebirth of his beloved city after decades of Mafia rule. His brilliant civic strategy ignited a virtual Renaissance in Palermo, demonstrating the power of civil society to change the city's trajectory from one of crime and corruption to one of justice, democracy and civil and human rights. Palermo's story exemplifies Orlando's leadership and the courage of its citizens to restore social and political values despite a looming threat of retaliation and fear.



**Leoluca Orlando, Ph.D.**, *Mayor of Palermo, Italy*

Rose Room, Brennan Hall, 5th Floor

All seminars meet from Noon to 1:30 p.m. \* Free to Schemel Forum Members

Luncheon Fees: \$20 per luncheon per person • \$30 per luncheon per couple • \$110 per series of 6 per person • \$160 per series of 6 per couple

Saturday, May 3

## Brooklyn: An Insider's Perspective

Join us for a five-hour guided tour traveling by foot and bus through the neighborhoods of Brooklyn. The tour will combine history, culture, graffiti and street art and the exploration of ethnic neighborhoods including Williamsburg's Orthodox Jewish and hipster neighborhoods, Italian Cobble Hill and Carrol Gardens, Sunset Park's Chinatown and Central American neighborhoods, the Victorian Ditmas Park and brownstone Park Slope. Our travels will bring us to a charming Middle Eastern restaurant for a delicious lunch.

Cost is **\$90 per person**, includes lunch, transportation and tour. The bus trip leaves from the University of Scranton at approximately 7:30 a.m. and returns around 6:30 p.m. RSVP by April 12th, spaces are limited.



With the African Studies & the Women's Studies Departments

### Sweet Tale of Resilience

Tuesday, April 8, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

*Sweet Dreams* is a highly acclaimed documentary film by Lisa and Rob Fruchtman that depicts three stories of Rwandan women as they navigate the successes and challenges of post-genocide Rwanda. The film intertwines their stories which express the resiliency of the Rwandan people. We follow Rwanda's first all-female drumming troupe, their adventures in opening the first ice cream parlor in Rwanda, and their struggles to remain resilient and positive for the nation's future.

**Brennan Hall, Pearn Auditorium, Room 228**  
Event is Free & Open to the Public, Please RSVP



With The Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library

### The Mutiny on The Bounty: Myth & Fact

Wednesday, April 9, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Although the mutiny on the bounty remains a cultural touchstone, the facts have been distorted by propaganda and popular culture. In celebration of the 225th anniversary of the mutiny and the Weinberg Library's exhibit on the topic, University benefactor, alumnus, and book collector Edward R. Leahy will speak about the exhibit of his collection of mutiny on the bounty material, the creation of the myth of Captain Bligh as a cruel tyrant and the real story of the mutiny.

**Weinberg Memorial Library, 5th Floor, Heritage Room**  
Reception to follow to view the exhibit. Event is Free & Open to the Public, Please RSVP

## COLLABORATIVE programs

A Symposium with the African Studies Program

### Africa: Art, Memory, Culture

Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Patrick Goodin

A symposium discussing the study of the history, arts, economics and philosophy of Africa, African-Americans and the Caribbean. Our guest speakers include: Clement Price, Distinguished Professor of History and Director of the Institute of Ethnicity and Culture, Rutgers-Newark, Lowery Stokes Sims, International Curator MAD, Global Africa Curator, Patrick Goodin, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Howard University, and Dr. Mwangi Wa Githinji, economics department, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Lunch is included and will follow the second lecture. A wine and cheese reception will end the symposium.

Cost is \$40 per person. Admission is free of charge for The University of Scranton Faculty and Staff.

**Weinberg Memorial Library, Room 305**

A Roundtable with the Office of Community Relations

### "We Are All Others: The American Story"

Monday, April 28, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This roundtable discussion will explore how all of us are "others" to someone. Our nation has welcomed people from all corners of the globe, as has Northeastern Pennsylvania. Can we celebrate our diversity by becoming more inclusive? How do we welcome newcomers today? What does the American melting pot experience say about an increasingly globalized world?

**Weinberg Memorial Library, Room 305**  
Event is Free & Open to the Public, Please RSVP

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## **EVENING COURSES**

- World War I: The Watershed Event of the Twentieth Century
- Jewish-American Short Stories
- Enlightened Self-Interest Examined

## **WORLD AFFAIRS LUNCHEON SEMINARS**

- 02/10/14: The Art of Leadership
- 03/03/14: Obama & the World in Historical Perspective
- 03/10/14: The Emergence of Anti-Liberal Politics in Central Europe
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## **BUS TRIP TO BROOKLYN**

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:**

All Programs from 06/01/2014 – 05/31/2015

Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ x **\$275** = \_\_\_\_\_

Couple: \_\_\_\_\_ x **\$450** = \_\_\_\_\_

**ANGEL MEMBERSHIP:** All Programs Except Bus Trip +  
Invitations to Special Angel Events

Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ x **\$500** = \_\_\_\_\_

Couple: \_\_\_\_\_ x **\$1,000** = \_\_\_\_\_

Half-year memberships also available. Please contact Emily Brees  
(emily.brees@scranton.edu) for more information.

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